

**Listing of Claims:**

Claims 1-7 (Canceled).

8. (Currently Amended) An absorbent article comprising:  
a liquid-permeable topsheet positioned at a surface that  
~~contacts~~ is contactable with a human body;

a non liquid-permeable backsheet positioned at a surface  
opposite to the topsheet;

an absorbent body provided between the topsheet and the  
backsheet; ~~and~~

a three-dimensional gather formed at the topsheet side to be  
raised at both side portions in a longitudinal direction of the  
absorbent body;

~~wherein the absorbent article includes:~~

a folding portion at which the backsheet is folded up to the  
topsheet side substantially along both side portions in the  
longitudinal direction of the absorbent body;

an attachment portion ~~at~~ of the topsheet to which a part of  
the folding portion is adhered ~~to~~ along both side portions in the  
longitudinal direction ~~of the topsheet~~; and

an adhesion section at which the attachment portion is  
folded up to the topsheet side and which is adhered to the

20       topsheet substantially along both side portions in the  
longitudinal direction of the absorbent body;

          wherein the folding portion ~~constitute~~ constitutes at least  
a part of the three-dimensional gather.

          9. (Currently Amended) The absorbent article according to  
claim 8, wherein the three-dimensional gather ~~is composed of~~  
comprises the folding portion and a non liquid-permeable nonwoven  
fabric at least partially adhered to the folding portion, and  
5       wherein the three-dimensional gather has a free end structured  
with the non liquid-permeable nonwoven fabric.

          10. (Currently Amended) The absorbent article according to  
claim 9, wherein the non liquid-permeable nonwoven fabric is  
adhered to a surface that is opposite to a surface of the folding  
portion that ~~face~~ faces the topsheet.

          11. (Currently Amended) The absorbent article according to  
claim 10, wherein the non liquid-permeable nonwoven fabric is  
adhered to the backsheet from an adhesion starting point that is  
at an inner side in a width direction than a folding starting  
5       point of the folding portion.

12. (Withdrawn - Currently Amended) The absorbent article according to claim 9, wherein:

the backsheet includes a ramie nonwoven fabric; and

the non liquid-permeable nonwoven fabric is adhered to a surface of the folding portion that ~~face~~ faces the topsheet.

Claim 13-20 (Canceled).

21. (Currently Amended) An inner absorbent article, comprising:

a liquid-permeable topsheet positioned at a surface that ~~contacts~~ is contactable with a human body;

a non liquid-permeable backsheet positioned at a surface opposite to the topsheet;

an absorbent body provided between the topsheet and the backsheet; ~~and~~

a three-dimensional gather formed at the topsheet side to be raised at both side portions in a longitudinal direction of the absorbent body; ~~wherein the inner absorbent article includes:~~

a folding portion at which the backsheet is folded up to the topsheet side substantially along both side portions in the longitudinal direction of the absorbent body;

15           an attachment portion of the topsheet to ~~at~~ which a part of  
the folding portion is adhered ~~to~~ along both side portions in the  
longitudinal direction ~~of the topsheet~~; and

          an adhesion section at which the attachment portion is  
folded up to the topsheet side and which is adhered to the  
20   topsheet substantially along both side portions in the  
longitudinal direction of the absorbent body,

          wherein the folding portion constitutes at least a part of  
the three-dimensional gather.

Claim 22 (Canceled).